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CORN-BORER OFFICIALS CONFER AT TOLEDO

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS for the paying off of the farmers and the finishing up of the clean-up campaign were discussed by representatives of the State Departments of Agriculture and the educational, informational, and regulatory corn-borer control workers, in Toledo, Saturday, June 4. Speeding up the farmers' compensation and giving every farmer cooperator a fair deal were the subjects of discussion.

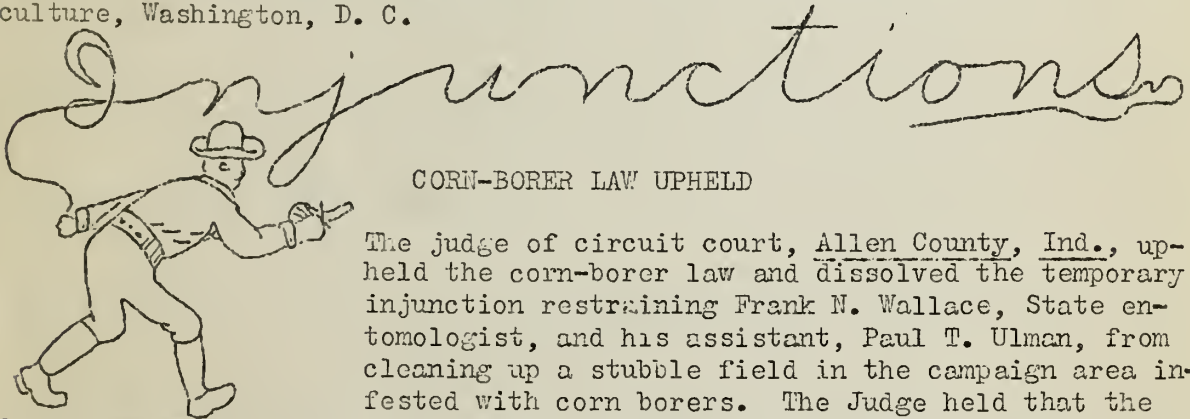
Farmers will be paid by check from Washington in the order in which the vouchers are received and payment will begin as soon as they are received. Within the week, some of the farmers in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana who have fully cooperated in cleaning up their cornfields will receive a Government check covering their share in the \$5,000,000 laid aside to pay the expense of the extra labor necessary. This sum is one half of the money appropriated by Congress and has been reserved for the farmer cooperators in the clean-up campaign to check the costly advance of the corn borer.

The payment is made on the basis of the 1926 corn acreage for extra labor up to a maximum of \$2 per acre. This will not cover all the cost on many farms, but will be of some help to the farmer in his serious fight against the borer.

Vouchers have already been distributed to county supervisors and inspectors, who are making their final rounds. The voucher is a simple affair calling for the corn acreage and cost per acre which can easily be filled in and signed by the farmer in the presence of the inspector. If the fields are found to be in satisfactory condition for borer control, the voucher is certified and speeded on its way toward Washington. All the red tape possible has been eliminated, that the farmer may get his pay quickly and with little fuss.

Every corn-borer official is anxious to see that farmers who have cooperated get a fair deal in the compensation. Supervisors and inspectors are being urged to use good horse sense in their work, and all farmers having special grievances are assured a hearing.

The conference was attended by C. P. Norgood, assistant commissioner, farms and markets, Albany, N. Y.; Frank N. Wallace, State entomologist, and Paul T. Ulman, his assistant, of Indiana; Richard Faxon, chief, State bureau of plant industry, H. C. Ramsower, director of extension, and J. R. Fleming, associate extension editor, of Ohio; L. H. Worthley, administrator, corn-borer control campaign, C. H. Hadley, administrative assistant, and Omar P. Norris, in charge adjustment of compensation, from Toledo headquarters; Dr. A. F. Woods, Director of Scientific Work, in general charge, W. H. Larrimer, in administrative charge of the campaign, G. E. Farrell, in charge of educational work, and Reuben Brigham, in charge of informational work, corn-borer control campaign, of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.



CORN-BORER LAW UPHELD

The judge of circuit court, Allen County, Ind., upheld the corn-borer law and dissolved the temporary injunction restraining Frank N. Wallace, State entomologist, and his assistant, Paul T. Ulman, from cleaning up a stubble field in the campaign area infested with corn borers. The Judge held that the

State law, which had been attacked, is constitutional. He said there would be no excuse for any enforcement of the law in a manner that would destroy other crops, if this could be avoided, but that the menace of the corn borer has been so destructive in other States that every farmer in Indiana should be prepared to do everything possible to assist in the eradication and control of the borer.

LAW UPHELD BUT INJUNCTION SUSTAINED

LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO, The temporary injunction restraining L. H. Worthley and his assistants from entering the farm of John C. Van Gunten, and plowing under 15 acres of wheat, was made permanent at a hearing in Toledo before five judges. The majority of the court, three members, held that the statute was constitutional, but held that, on the facts, the plowing under or destruction of the man's crops was unwarranted and unreasonable, and accordingly made the injunction permanent. The minority of the court, two members, declared the statute to be unconstitutional. The case is being appealed immediately to the State supreme court, where an early hearing is expected.

FULTON COUNTY, OHIO, upheld the corn-borer regulations as reported last week.



THE CLEAN-UP (Continued from our last)



The clean-up is still on in full force. The campaign days are numbered in single figures now, and every corn-borer worker is making every day count in getting the borer before he emerges as a moth and flies off. Sixteen burning machines have been moved into eastern Michigan to finish cleaning up the badly infested fields in that section. Clean-up crews with plows, tractors, stubble beaters, and trucks are taking full advantage of the good weather.

Notices have been served on farmers who have refused or been unable to clean up, and work is being completed on their farms. In Ohio, between May 13 and May 31, 2,262 farmers received these notices in 40 counties, 312 being served in one county. Michigan notified 787 farmers in 21 counties that their clean-up was unsatisfactory, and is finishing up the work.



A FEW DAYS GRACE Cold, rainy weather, which has delayed the clean-up, has also delayed the emergence of the moth. Pupation, which began earlier than usual, was stopped in the beginning and, though it will go ahead now that warm weather is here, the delay will give the busy clean-up crews a few extra days.

DR. WOODS LOOKS OUT THE CAR WINDOW While attending the conference in Toledo last week, A. F. Woods made the following observations in the clean-up area:

"On June 4 I made a trip of 24 miles through the most heavily infested area in Ohio and saw only three fields in which any cornstalks were observable. In general the work appears to have been very satisfactorily done. A month ago when I went through the same area standing stalks were evident on every hand. If the more lightly infested portions of Ohio are cleaned up as effectively as this portion I shall feel that the work accomplished has been most satisfactory. I was pleased with the fine spirit of cooperation evident on every hand. Only a few individuals appear to have undertaken to stop the work through court action, and it is doubtful if any of these attempts will be successful."


FROM THE WEATHER MAN HIMSELF



Optimism features our special report from the weather man, J. B. Kincer, in charge of agricultural meteorology, Weather Bureau. He says: "In the season from March to May inclusive, the rainfall has been much heavier than normal over the Ohio Valley and Lake regions. The season has been very late over the northeastern part. There is at present a break in this rainy condition, and much better weather is prevailing."

THE COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

"Held meeting with inspectors. If we have a good week we will be cleaned up by June 4." (Lenawee County, Mich.)

 "Have four plows working; also two clean-up crews of 12 each. Very few fields of unplowed ground left." (Fulton County, Ohio.)

"Weather conditions are improving, and work in most places is moving nicely." (Paulding and Van Wert Counties, Ohio.)

"Most of the inspectors report that farmers are doing the best they can under the present weather conditions. Not much more work to do if the farmers can only have a few good days." (Crawford County, Pa.)

"No rain and everybody busy." (Warren County, Pa.)

"If weather holds, will turn you in absolutely clean county in very short time. Scavenger crew going strong, and am starting another. Farmers who have stubble to pick are busy at the job. Inspected many farms in a wide radius in last few days, and found them mostly clean." (Butler County, Pa.)

"Lima township is coming fine in second inspection - I would judge about 98 per cent." (Steuben County, Ind.)

GOOD WORK All speed records were broken in getting out the final farm reports for supervisors. H.T.Cronin, who is handling the business operations, received the approved copy last Monday and in less than 24 hours began shipment of 450,000 blanks to Cleveland, Erie, and Toledo for distribution. The copy was delivered to the Government Printing Office, proof read, printed, made into pads, and delivered within the 24 hours.

The Government Printing Office is equipped to give such service, being one of the largest and best-equipped printing establishments in the world. All printed corn-borer material has been rushed through the printing office, and this efficient service has added much to the success of the campaign. The 30,000 vouchers printed last week were given the same 24-hour service.

